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SUBJ: VORSTER COMMENTS ON SA URANIUM ENRICHMENT PROJECT

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1. PRETORIA NEW REPORTED APRIL 30 THAT PRIME MINISTER B.J. VORSTER HAD ANNOUNCED GOVERNMENT PLANS FOR GRADUAL CHANGE OVER FROM COAL TO ATOMIC POWER IN THE GENERATION OF ELECTRICITY IN SOUTH AFRICA. VORSTER REPORTEDLY HINGED CHANGE-OVER TO PROPOSED CONSTRUCTION OF LARGE SCALE URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT. HE NOTED THAT FURTHER DEVELOPMENT WORK HAD TO BE UNDERTAKEN TO PROVIDE THE NECESSARY COMPONENTS FOR THE NEW PLANT BUT SAID THAT THE URANIUM ENRICHMENT CORPORATION (UCOR) HAD BEEN BUSY WITH THIS FOR SOME TIME. THE PRIME MINISTER ADDED THAT EFFORTS AT COOPERATION WITH "FRIENDLY INDUSTRIAL NATIONS" ON DEVELOPMENT OF A FULL SCALE ENRICHMENT FACILITY HAD BEEN SUCCESSFUL. COMMENT: PRETORIA 1726 REPORTED THAT UCOR HAD REACHED AN AGREEMENT WITH THE WEST GERMAN FIRM OF STEAG FOR A JOINT FEASIBILITY STUDY OF THE SA ENRICHMENT PROCESS AND THE BECKER SEPARATION NOZZEL PROCESS. THE PM'S REFERENCE TO "FRIENDLY INDUSTRIAL NATIONS" SEEMS TO IMPLY OTHER PARTICIPANTS AS WELL. IN THIS CASE, JAPANESE INVOLVEMENT WOULD APPEAR LIKELY.)

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2. ACCORDING TO THE PN ARTICLE, SA'S PILOT URANIUM ENRICHMENT PLANT AT VELINDABA IS NEARING COMPLETION AND THE FIRST SECTION OF THE PLANT WILL BECOME OPERATIONAL WITHIN A FEW MONTHS.
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